

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled and rewritten as claims 15-48 to comply with US standard practice and remove multiple dependencies.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

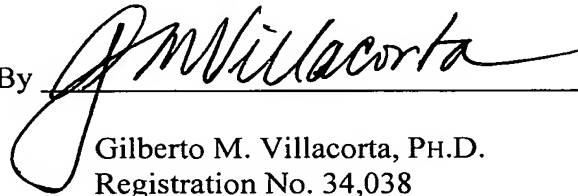
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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